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FD 35559

January 19, 2012

Dear Ms. Brown.

Town Supervisor
Ron Vanselow
(518) 251-2421

Enclosed, please find a copy of a resolution passed by the Johnsburg, NY town board on January 17th, 2012, in support of the Iowa Pacific proposal to revitalize the rail spur between North Creek and Tahawus in upstate New York.

Town Council
Gene Arsenault
Arnold Stevens
Peter Olesheski, Jr.
Katie Nightingale

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Vanselow, Supervisor

Highway Superintendent
Daniel B. Hitchcock
(518) 251-2113

Town Clerk
William R. Rawson
(518) 251-3011

Town Assessor
Ann P. Deppe
(518) 251-5559

WHEREAS: the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad has brought considerable resources to the North Country region through investment in the former Delaware and Hudson Rail line, and helped revitalize this regions economic picture, and,

WHEREAS: the SNCRR has proposed to expand their freight operations by re-opening the rail line to Tahawus, for the purpose of shipping usable mine tailings from Newcomb, and Barton's Mines operations in North River, and,

WHEREAS the existing freight line infrastructure was left intact, with the idea eventually making use of the rail line for economic opportunities, and,

WHEREAS, the Saratoga & North Creek Railway has applied to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for an exemption to re-activate the Tawhawus-North Creek rail line formally owned by NL Industries to haul freight, and,

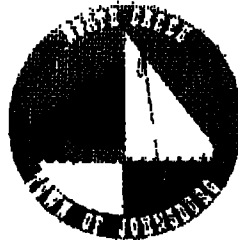
WHEREAS: such suggested use would promote job creation, reduce truck traffic on already poorly maintained roads in the area, and would further enable the SNCRR to move forward with their bigger picture of increased freight operations within a four county area, and.

WHEREAS: recently announced plans to re-activate freight traffic into Tahawus in Essex County have faced resistance from opposition groups, as well as, NYSDEC Division of Lands and Forests., NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Johnsburg fully supports the preservation and rehabilitation of all surviving rail infrastructure in the Adirondacks that will facilitate the creation of badly needed employment in this highly distressed area of New York, tap the use of rail as a green form of transportation for freight, restore historic infrastructure to promote tourism and further bolster the sustainability of our communities, and be it further

Resolved, that opening the Tahawus line provides the NYSDEC a perfect opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to realign the agency's approach from a past "adversarial" one to one that seeks to assist the applicant and, in this instance, one which also reflects acknowledgment of the Regional Plan as an important guide for actions by all state agencies, and be it further

Resolved, that the Town of Johnsburg strongly supports the pending Surface Transportation Board permit application from the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad to provide freight service on the existing extension to the former mine operations at Tahawus.



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Urgent

For Review

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the Resolution of Support passed by the Town of Johnsburg Town Board in the above captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail to all parties on the Board's service list on January 27, 2012:

Ron Vanselow, Supervisor
Town of Johnsburg

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